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Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING DIAPHRAGM FOR LOUDSPEAKER, DIAPHRAGM FOR LOUDSPEAKER MADE THEREBY, AND LOUDSPEAKER USING THE SAME (AS AMENDED)  
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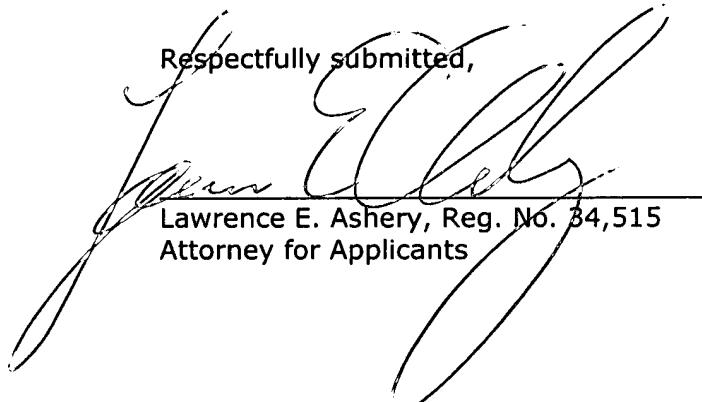
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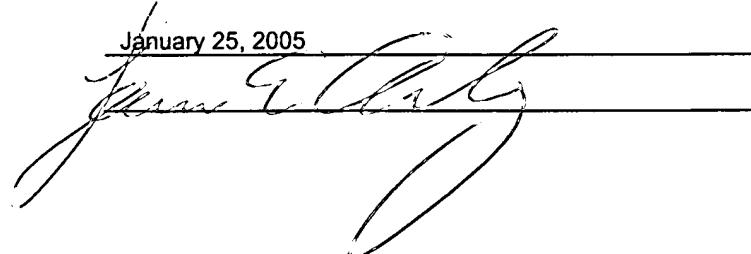
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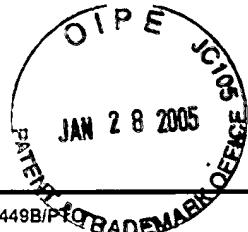
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